



Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie

July 9, 1943 - June 7, 2025

In Loving Memory of Dr. LeRoy “Bobby” Rorie

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Bobby Rorie lived a life filled with purpose, adventure, love, and boundless energy. Born in the small town of Anson County, North Carolina, he never lost his country roots, even as he achieved dreams that took him far from home. Through education, determination, and an unwavering sense of self, he built a full and meaningful life—establishing his family’s home in Atlanta, Georgia, where he accomplished his greatest personal and professional goals as a Principal, Assistant Superintendent, and College Professor.

He was a devoted husband and best friend to his beloved wife, Dr. Vera Dixon Rorie, of 56 years. Their love was deep and special—a true partnership grounded in friendship, laughter, travel, and shared dreams. Together, they journeyed to over 20 countries, at times with their students, living a life of curiosity, adventure, and joy.

As a father and grandfather, Bobby (affectionately known as “Pops”, “Dad” and “Opa”) was deeply connected and profoundly proud. He poured his wisdom, energy, and love into his children and grandchildren, exposing them

to his adventurous spirit and teaching them life's most meaningful lessons along the way. He was an amazing storyteller, full of history and humor, and never missed a chance to tell a good "dad" joke or share a moment of laughter—even with strangers. He made everyone feel seen and welcomed, because he always showed up—with his whole heart.

Professionally, Bobby (a.k.a., "Doc" to close colleagues) was a leader in education administration, serving students across the country, from Minnesota to Georgia, as a Principal, Asst. Superintendent and Professor in both public schools and higher education. He retired in 2012, leaving behind a legacy of dedication to student success, equity, and excellence. He was also an all-around intellectual, a life-long learner, historian and family photographer who captured both moments and meaning with every click.

As a man in his 80s, Bobby defied every expectation. Most people were shocked to learn his age—his youthful energy, stylish dress, and active lifestyle kept him forever young. He loved music, sunshine, the beach, hunting, maintaining his beautiful lawn, and caring for his cars with pride. He stayed up to date on current events, engaged in his communities, and never stopped looking for ways to make the world around him better.

One of his greatest joys was riding his motorcycle—his favorite pastime for over 45 years. The open road was his freedom, and he traveled the country with his beloved Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club, where he was known as "BullDawg" and whose brotherhood he

treasured deeply. He also held dear his lifelong bonds with the Freemasons and his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi. That he spent his final day riding—still seeking the thrill of adventure—is as fitting as it is heartbreaking. He could never sit still. He lived in motion, guided by a passionate heart and an endlessly curious mind.

Bobby was a God-centered man with convictions that drove his actions and his principled nature. He was a proud member of St. Philip AME Church in Atlanta for 38 years, but he began his spiritual journey in Gatewood Station, a small country church back in Anson County, North Carolina. He lived by the values he learned there - integrity, service, kindness, and devotion. He believed in doing the right thing. He gave unconditional love. And he did it all with the most welcoming and positive attitude you could imagine.

Bobby leaves behind a family that he was immensely proud of, who he never missed a chance to brag about. His absence is deeply felt—but his family is also deeply grateful and determined to honor the legacy he built with such care and grace.

Bobby lived a full life. He was a giant of a man in both spirit and heart. A beautiful example of how to live with joy, purpose, and love.

And whenever someone needed a little encouragement or assurance, he always had the perfect response:

“You bet!”

Celebration of Life Services- Livestreamed: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1ZE4FwVyGM/?mibextid=wwXlfr> will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025 12:00 PM at St. Phillip AME Church 240 Candler Rd. SE., Atlanta, GA 30317 with a viewing prior to the service from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2025 from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM at our Rockdale Chapel 1999 Hwy. 138 SE., Conyers, GA 30013. Interment will be held at Kennedy Memorial Gardens 2500 River Rd., Ellenwood, GA 30294. Please express

your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Rockdale Chapel 1999 Hwy. 138 SE, Conyers, GA 30013.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale
1999 Hwy. 138 SE
Conyers, GA 30013

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint Phillips A.M.E church
240 Candler Road. S.E
Atlanta, GA 30317

Interment

JUN **20** (ET)

Kennedy Memorial Cemetery
2500 River Road
Ellenwood, Ga 30294

Tribute Wall

DE

“ To the Family of Dr. Rorie,
I met Dr. Rorie when I taught night school in Clayton County Public Schools. He had such a genuine and kind-hearted spirit. I loved working for him. To the point, he talked about Argosy, and I enrolled there for my doctorate. I never had his class, but a student in Dr. V. Rorie's course. Thank God for Drs. B. and V. Rorie for having an impact on my life to guide me in the right direction. May God bring you renewed peace and strength.

Dr. Karla S. Echoles

Dr. Karla Echoles - July 11, 2025 at 01:14 PM

LF

“ To the Rorie Family,
We have been neighbors for well over 30 years and all I have is love, admiration, and respect for the legacy you've created. It is truly worthy of emulation. Thank you for always willingly with great detail sharing your journeys with me of your modern love story! In the days to come as you struggle through grief and the loss of the family's patriarch, please know that I am here for you ... no task too large or too small.



*Respectfully,
Lynda Fitzhugh*

Lynda Fitzhugh - June 23, 2025 at 10:25 AM

EM

“ The Marshall Family are with you in Prater.

Ementress Marshall - June 20, 2025 at 02:32 PM

DA

“ I didn't know Dr. Rorie personally, but I am close friends with his dear, devoted niece, Carla. My condolences to his entire family.

Donald Allen - June 20, 2025 at 11:16 AM

TB

“ Trina B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.

Trina B. - June 19, 2025 at 11:15 PM

JW

“ I was honored to visit with Mrs. Rorie. I needed the family to know that Dr. Rorie made a huge impact on my life and teaching career. He was always so kind and supportive of me. Even when I left Clayton County in 2008, we stayed in contact. He would occasionally share photos of trips and him on his bike! This is one of the pictures he shared in 2019. As I reflect on my memories I smile and thank God for having our paths cross. May Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen you during this time and moving forward! My prayers will continually be with you all and especially Mrs. Rorie. Love and prayers always. ❤️🙏❤️. Jonnie Sue (Fain) Williams.



Jonnie Sue Williams - June 19, 2025 at 08:05 PM

VC

Sending prayers and condolences to the family and so sorry for your loss.

Vanessa Polk Clark - June 20, 2025 at 03:01 PM

VC

So sorry Sister Vera for the loss of your Husband. Praying for the family during this time of sorrow.

Vanessa Polk Clark - June 20, 2025 at 03:03 PM

SC

So sorry to hear of the passing of Bobby. I was just thinking of him a few days ago, before i heard of his passing, thinking that I would see him the 2nd week of August at our annual homecoming celebration at Gatewood Station AME Zion Church in Anson County NC. I am shocked and completely saddened by the news. God bless the family and may he rest in peace . 🙏

Stanley Clemons - July 26, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JF

“ *Jamie Hinton & Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.*



Jamie Hinton & Family - June 19, 2025 at 06:27 PM

JF

“ *Jamie Hinton & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.*

Jamie Hinton & Family - June 19, 2025 at 06:27 PM

WH

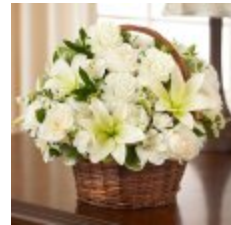
“ Vera we are sending our deepest condolences to you and your family. May your precious memories and caring thoughts brings you peace and comfort at this time. Much love and many blessings always.

*Willard and Effie Hill
Harrisburg NC*

Willard & Effie Hill - June 19, 2025 at 10:40 AM

FL

“ Foster Ballard Foster, LLC purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.



Foster Ballard Foster, LLC - June 19, 2025 at 10:09 AM

NW

“ Nagueyalti & Rueben Warren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.

Nagueyalti & Rueben Warren - June 19, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BD

“ Betty Dunlap purchased the Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.



Betty Dunlap - June 19, 2025 at 01:41 AM

MS

“ *Marilyn S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.*

Marilyn S. - June 18, 2025 at 10:28 PM

MS

“ *Dad, I'll never forget all of the wonderful and meaningful talks we shared and the times we shared space and time. I love you always, thank you!*



Marilyn Smith - June 18, 2025 at 10:18 PM

AE

“ *Doctor Bobby Rorie*
June 19, 2025

C/O Gregory B. Levett & Sons
Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie Family
1999 Highway 138 SE
Conyers, GA 30003

Dear Family:

It is with deep sorrow and a heavy heart that we extend our condolences to you on the passing of Doctor Bobby Rorie. As members of the East Polkton School Alumni Association, we share in your grief and wish to commemorate the incredible life he lived.

Doctor Bobby Rorie as known to the East Polkton School Alumni was a remarkable man—smart, kind, fun and thoughtful. He exemplified true character and had an unwavering love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as well as for his beloved partner, friend and spouse Vera, his family and friends.

His legacy of kindness and compassion will not be forgotten by those who knew him. We are grateful for the time we shared with him and the positive impact he had on our lives.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, the family, during this difficult time.

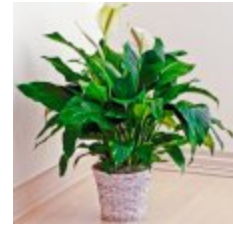
With deepest sympathy, for and on behalf of the East Polkton School Alumni Association.

Anthony Massey
EPS Alumni Association
P.O. Box 222
Wingate, NC 28174

Anthony Massey EPSA - June 18, 2025 at 10:04 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.* ”



June 18, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ *Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Spring 2002 purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.* ”



Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Spring 2002 - June 18, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ *Cynthia D McKoy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie* ”



Cynthia D McKoy - June 18, 2025 at 02:31 PM

CM

“ Prayers and condolences to the family. Leroy was my classmate at Livingstone College. We had the same major so he, my roommate Carolyn and I had most of our classes together. He was great to be around; Carolyn and I always called each other 'roommate' and when he heard us, he started calling us 'roommate' also. It was our running joke that lasted 4 years. He will be truly missed. Cynthia Davis McKoy - LC 1967

Cynthia D McKoy - June 18, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice was purchased for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.



June 18, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.

June 18, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.



June 18, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.

June 18, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.

June 18, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.



June 18, 2025 at 03:43 AM

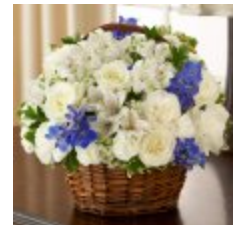


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.

June 18, 2025 at 03:43 AM



“ Jason and Brittany purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.



Jason and Brittany - June 18, 2025 at 01:30 AM

JB

“ Jason and Brittany planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.

Jason and Brittany - June 18, 2025 at 01:30 AM

RW

“ We were heartbroken and devastated to hear the news of Bobby's passing. It has been a joy to be a neighbor, friend, colleague and wonderful memories. We pray God will continue to strengthen Vera and the family doing this very difficult time.
Dr(s) Robert & Shelton Wright



Robert & Shelton Wright - June 18, 2025 at 01:25 AM

RG

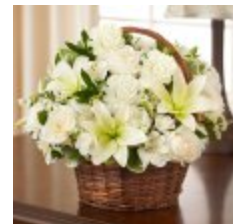
“ I met Dr. Rorie at Argosy University. He was one of the most grounded and gentle professors that I had. He was indeed a story teller and was not afraid to share his knowledge. My prayers and condolences to the family. Dr. Rorie's impact is still being made in Education.



Ronda Francis Gedward - June 17, 2025 at 03:14 PM

JH

“ Jonathan, Jacquita, Kayla & Nate House purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.



Jonathan, Jacquita, Kayla & Nate House - June 17, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ *Beautiful White Rose Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Dr. Leroy Bobby Rorie.*



June 16, 2025 at 10:45 AM